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Jan. 8, 1918.

The Reverend Sir Robert Falconer,
President of Toronto University,
Toronto, Canada,

My dear President;

As the letter-head which I use will inform you, Auburn Theological Seminary will celebrate the centennial anniversary of its foundation in October of this year. The celebration will conclude with a banquet on the evening of Thursday, October 10, at which there will be three or four speeches. I write to present to you the unanimous and earnest desire of the committee on the program of the celebration that you should deliver one of these speeches. Besides other considerations which cause us to wish to have you among our speakers, we are influenced by a purpose to give emphatic recognition during our celebration to the closer relations between Canada and the United States produced by our partnership in the great struggle for civilization. We should think our commemoration of our foundation decidedly incomplete without a speaker from Canada, and we have strong hopes that you will take this place in our program.

I have the honor to be,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hastings Nichols

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January 11th, 1918

Rev. Professor R. H. Nichols, Ph.D.,

Auburn, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Nichols:

I appreciate very heartily the honour and kindness that Principal Stewart and the Faculty of Auburn Seminary have shown me in asking me to deliver one of the addresses at the banquet in celebration of the centennial of the Seminary on Thursday October the tenth. I should like very much to be able to go, but I am afraid that I have a fixture for the 10th of October that may render it very difficult for me to be present. That is one of the statutory days on which our Board of Governors meet, and that meeting at the beginning of the session is usually so important by reason of our making appointments and preparations for the session that I might find it impossible to be absent from the city. In these circumstanc I wonder whether you will not try to get some one else from Canada who would be able to speak equally well or better on behalf of the Dominion. I am sure that Canadians appreciate very highly the increasing sense of cordiality and oneness that are showing themselves in our mutual relations. With best wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Jan. 30, 1918.

My dear President;

We who are making plans for the celebration of the centennial of Auburn Theological Seminary are very sorry indeed to learn that you are prevented from speaking at the dinner on the evening of October 10 which is to conclude our program. Of course we realize that the meeting of the Board of Governors of the University on that day makes it impossible for you be with us. But our strong desire that you should be heard by those who will gather for our commemoration of our foundation makes us reluctant to resign our purpose to secure you as one of our speakers; and your friendly letter encourages us to hope that you will find it possible to speak at another session of the celebration than the one about which I formerly wrote to you. The morning of Wednesday, October 9, is to be devoted to recognition of the Seminary's academic interests and relations. During this session several representatives of institutions of general and theological education will give addresses. On behalf of the Committee on the Program of the Centennial, and of President Stewart, I write to ask if you will do us the honor of speaking at this time. We trust that you will be able to do this.

The University of Toronto will in due time be invited to be represented by a delegate at this session of our celebration. We hope that you will be this delegate.

We prefer to leave the subject of your address entirely to your choice. I might say that we have thought that the addresses at this session should be about fifteen minutes in length.

I have the honor to be,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hastings Nichols

The Reverend Sir Robert Falconer,
President of the University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

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February 7th, 1918

Professor Robert Hastings Nichols, Ph.D.,

Auburn Theological Seminary,

Auburn, N.Y.

Dear Professor Nichols:

If I can leave here on Tuesday afternoon and then again leave Auburn on Wednesday afternoon so as to get here early on Thursday morning I will be glad to take part in your celebration next October. It will be I am afraid a difficult time of the year for me but I shall be glad to do my best. Please give my kind regards to Principal Stewart,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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March 11, 1918.

Dear President Falconer;

Your letter of February 7, in which you very kindly give your consent to speak on Wednesday morning, October 9, in our centennial celebration, ought to have been answered long ago. I ask your pardon for the delay. Our Centennial Committee is most grateful to you for your willingness to take this part in our program. We realize that you are doing a good deal for us, for your being here at that time will, we fear, involve some inconvenience for you. You will be able to leave Auburn at any time on Wednesday afternoon, if you must go so soon. If necessary, you could get the Empire State Express at 2:31 at Syracuse, which would bring you to Buffalo at 5:30. We look forward to your address as to what will add much to the value of our commemoration.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hastings Nichols

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